

## SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT AGENDA MEMORANDUM

**SUBJECT:** Learning Partnership MOU with Columbia Southern University and Seminole County Government.

**DEPARTMENT:** Public Safety

**DIVISION:** EMS Fire Rescue

**AUTHORIZED BY:** Tad Stone

**CONTACT:** Leeanna Mims

**EXT:** 5188

**MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Memorandum of Understanding for a Learning Partnership between Columbia Southern University and Seminole County Government.

County-wide

T.E. Stone

**BACKGROUND:**

Columbia Southern University (CSU) is an accredited online university located in Orange Beach, Alabama. CSU has offered to enter into a Learning Partnership with Seminole County Government, through a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding, which can be terminated at any time. CSU will provide the SCG employees, members, their spouses, and children with a 10% discount for all courses and programs taken at CSU. This includes textbooks at no cost and a waived (\$25) application fee. CSU will evaluate any training courses and programs recommended by SCG as possible academic transfer programs. CSU will provide online forms specifically designed for SCG members and immediate family members. The partnership would allow for CSU to place SCG's name and logo on the CSU website; inform all SCG employees of this learning partnership and educational benefits, and keep CSU informational material on site and make them available to employees.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Board approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Memorandum of Understanding for a Learning Partnership between Columbia Southern University and Seminole County Government.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. CSU LP Agreement

**Additionally Reviewed By:**

☒ County Attorney Review ( Ann Colby )



# COLUMBIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

## LEARNING PARTNERSHIP MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

(This is not a legally binding contract and the partnership may be cancelled at any time)

The SEMINOLE COUNTY DEPARTMENT of PUBLIC SAFETY, FL wishes to offer educational opportunities for its employees by becoming a Columbia Southern University (CSU) learning partner. The partnership is designed to help SEMINOLE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, FL employees/members complete academic degree programs in career appropriate disciplines.

A. As a learning partner CSU will include the following:

1. CSU will provide the designation of the SEMINOLE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, FL as a learning partner on the CSU website.
2. CSU will display the SEMINOLE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, FL logo or the name SEMINOLE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, FL on the CSU website and University materials.
3. CSU will link the SEMINOLE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, FL logo or name to information about the CSU / SEMINOLE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, FL discount, CSU enrollment information and forms for the SEMINOLE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, FL employees/members on the CSU website.
4. CSU will evaluate training courses and programs recommended by the SEMINOLE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, FL as possible academic transfer programs.
5. CSU will provide online forms specifically designed for the SEMINOLE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, FL employees/members and their immediate family members. The SEMINOLE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, FL employees/members and family members must meet admission requirements for the degree program to which they apply.
6. **CSU will provide the SEMINOLE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, FL employees, members, their spouses, and children with a 10% discount for all courses and programs taken at CSU. This includes textbooks at no cost and a waived application fee.**
7. CSU will provide the SEMINOLE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, FL with employee/member student "directory" information. To find out more about "directory" information please visit [www.columbiasouthern.edu/privacy.asp](http://www.columbiasouthern.edu/privacy.asp).

B. As a learning partner, the SEMINOLE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, FL will:

1. Inform all SEMINOLE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, FL employees/members of this learning partner relationship and education benefits.
2. Keep CSU informational materials on site and make available to employees/members.

This Learning Partnership will be in effect from the date of signing, and will remain in effect unless terminated by one or both parties.

ATTEST:

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MARYANNE MORSE  
Clerk to the Board of  
County Commissioners of  
Seminole County, Florida.

For the use and reliance of  
Seminole County only.  
Approved as to form and  
legal sufficiency.

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County Attorney

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
BOB DALLARI, Chairman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

As authorized for execution  
By the Board of County Commissioners  
At their \_\_\_\_\_,  
regular meeting.

ATTEST:

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**Brittany Berry, CSU**

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**Chantell Cooley**  
**Vice President of Partnership Development**